

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 145

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 43

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 145—Relative to Child Safety Awareness Month.

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ACR 145, Ma. Child Safety Awareness Month.

This measure would declare the month of May 2012 as Child Safety Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Annually, approximately 800,000 children are reported missing in the United States, which averages one child every 40 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Of those approximately 800,000 children, 450,000 children run away, 300,000 children are abducted by a family member, and 58,000 children are abducted by a nonfamily member; and

WHEREAS, These statistics are meant to encourage parents to be prepared, not scared; and

WHEREAS, When a child is missing, the child's parent or guardian should report the child's disappearance to local authorities as soon as possible, ideally within the first two to three hours after the child's disappearance; and

WHEREAS, To be as effective as possible, when reporting a missing child, a parent or guardian should have an AFCA/FBI National Child ID Kit available to give to law enforcement and should file a missing person's report; and

WHEREAS, A child's photograph in a Child ID Kit should be current and should be replaced every 6 to 12 months; and

WHEREAS, It is important to add detailed information about identifiable marks such as birthmarks and scars, either as a description or a photograph, to the Child ID Kit; and

WHEREAS, There are 6.8 million schoolaged children in the State of California, and the safety of those children is paramount and should be a concern for all; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares the month of May 2012 as Child Safety Awareness Month; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.